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UCC welcomes Conservative MP's Bill to recognize Holodomor as Genocide

On June 13, 2007 Manitoba Member of Parliament James Bezan became the second Canadian lawmaker within a week to introduce a Bill into the House of Commons calling for the recognition of the 1932-33 Holodomor Famine in Ukraine as Genocide and the establishment of a commemorative day to mark this great human tragedy.

"I am a Ukrainian-Canadian and want to put forward this bill so that our government will acknowledge the deaths of 10 million victims as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian people," stated Mr. Bezan. "I am also calling upon historians, journalists, and educators to record and include the facts from this horrible genocide so that all Canadians can learn from this tragic piece of Ukrainian history."

The proposed Private Member's Bill C-459 would be an Act of the Canadian Parliament to establish a Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day and to recognize the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33 as an act of genocide.

Commenting on the proposed act, Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Orysia Sushko said, "The UCC is pleased that Mr. Bezan has taken this step in proposing his Bill. It is gratifying that MPs from all sides of the House of Commons understand the need for such positive legislation. We hope that both sides will be able to come together and enact a Bill recognizing the Holodomor as a Genocide. Ukrainian Canadians, including survivors of the Holodomor, are grateful that in this, the 75th anniversary of this terrible event, the Famine-Genocide is receiving the attention it deserves."

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